

Woman's Page

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGlone Gibson

SURPRISING NEWS.

When I called up Alice, she answered breathlessly:

"I was just going to call you Katharine! What do you think has happened?"

"Can anything more happen?" I asked.

"Fortunately this isn't about you, my dear. I have just received a letter from Ruth Gaylord and she says that Bob came to her yesterday and said that he was in love with Helen Van Ness and that they were going away together. He said that he thought Ruth was big enough to give him his freedom and allow him to marry the woman he loved."

"But—!" I stuttered, "what will become of the children?"

"Yes, she tells me in her letter that she asked that of Bobby and he answered: 'You know, Ruth, I will give you all the money you want to take care of the youngsters, and besides that you have an independent income. I have never had much to do with the children since Marie was born, and you never had much to do with me since that time. Some way, Ruth, you have given me to understand that I am to take your love and your interest. I am quite sure you will be very happy without me if you still have the children!'"

"And what did Ruth say to this?" I asked, breathlessly with interest.

"Let her rather vague."

"Well, her letter's rather vague on that point. She seems bewildered, but I rather that Bobby is almost right, and that since the children came Ruth's whole time and attention has been given to them. You know Ruth was always one of those settled girls and she has taken motherhood very seriously. However, now that she knows she has lost her husband, and of course her pride is trailing in the dust and she writes me: 'What shall I do, Alice?'"

"I don't feel competent to advise her," continued Alice rather querulously, and her voice sounded like John's when he is annoyed. "I wish people wouldn't ask me to give them advice on such subjects."

"Is that a warning, Alice?" I asked.

"No, dear, you seem perfectly able to take care of your own affairs. In fact, you seem so well able to take care of them that I venture to ask

you what I should write to Ruth."

"You know, Alice, that Helen Van Ness is one of my greatest friends. You never knew her, did you? Didn't you meet Ruth at boarding school before she settled at the little summer colony where I was visiting Helen when I met John?"

"Queer kind of woman."

"Yes, that's right. I've known Ruth all my life, but I don't know Helen. She must be a queer kind of a woman—hardly the kind you would make your close friend, I should say."

"Helen Van Ness is one of the finest girls I have ever known," I defended her warmly.

"I wouldn't call a woman who would steal her friend's husband particularly 'fine,'" said Alice dryly.

"Well, of course, I don't know all the circumstances, but I remember very distinctly that when I telephoned Helen that John and I had been married, Bob Gaylord drove her into town to see us, and Bob answered my unspoken question as I met them at the door by saying, 'Ruth thought she must stay at home with the children. I don't get a sight of her lately. She is hardly a girl or a wife any more. She was a mother. Of course, at that time I was so greatly interested in my own affairs that I did not think much about Helen and Bobby, but I remember now that Helen had tears in her eyes as she felicitated me when we were alone together. I said to myself then that an affair between Helen and Bobby would not be possible. Even when Helen said to me that she was the most miserable woman in the world I replied: 'Surely you are joking. I just wanted to see what you, in your great happiness, would do for a friend who was in great need!'"

"On Which Side?"

"Are you telling me this, Katherine, to make me understand that you are on Helen's side instead of on Ruth's?"

"Let's not talk about it over the phone. I called you up to ask if you will go shopping with me?"

"I'd love to! Going to spend that \$500 John sent you?"

"No, I'm going to run him into debt!"

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Dorothy Dix Talks

TOO MUCH FAMILY
By DOROTHY DIX, the World's Highest Paid Woman Writer

"Take this tip from me, son," said a disgruntled married man recently to a young friend, "when you go to get married pick out for a wife a girl who is motherless and fatherless. Otherwise you will find that you have qualified for the role of Old Man of the Sea, and that your wife's whole family are on your back."

"Believe me, if I were a young blade like you contemplating matrimony, the only house that I would go courting around would be a foundling asylum. I am giving it to you straight—better is a cute little baby girl that is picked up on a door step than an aristocratic maiden with an umbrageous family tree full of relatives who descend upon you like the wolf on the fold."

"I speak out of the depths of a bitter experience. I fell in love with the sweetest little peach in the world, but she was one of seven, with a shiftless father who was never half a lap ahead of the bill collector, and a neurotic mother with a set of carefully manufactured nerves."

"I wasn't enamored by the little brothers and sisters. Neither did father

and mother make any kind of a hit with me, but I was crazy about the girl and wanted her, and said to myself that, after all, it was the girl I was marrying and not the family."

"That is just where I made a fatal error. I hadn't been married a month before I found out that I had espoused the entire family, and that my principal business in life henceforth would consist in being a meal ticket to it. Furthermore, that I would get neither thanks nor appreciation for the sacrifices that I would be called upon to make for it, for somehow daughter's husband has come to be recognized as the legitimate goat of the wife's people, and he has no rights that any body feels bound to respect."

"My wife's family live in a little middle west town. I brought her to New York and we started keeping house in a small apartment, where we were a close fit just our two selves. Well, we had hardly gotten our furniture placed before the family began coming to visit us. They had always wanted to see New York, you know, and this was the first chance they had ever gotten to beat the hotels, and the

subway, and the theatres for, of course, when they came they all expected to be taken around and entertained, and I have never yet met an in-law who didn't have the palsy when it came to reaching for the change pocket."

"My wife was delighted. She loved her people and enjoyed having them around, and to be able to give them a good time. She was interested in all of their chatter about Aunt Susan's rheumatism, and Uncle John's gout, and it never dawned on her that after having stood for about three hours' reminiscences of people I never heard of, that I was so bored I was ready to scream."

"She was accustomed to making sacrifices for her family, and it never occurred to her that I felt like an early Christian martyr when I had to come home after a hard day's work to find that I would have to sleep on the sofa in the living room, because mother had come for a three weeks' visit, and mother had to have the bed, because she was so delicate. I have been married ten years now, and in all that time I don't believe there has been a single month when we have had the house to ourselves. We've always had some of wife's folks leaving us company, and eating their heads off."

"Nor was this all. I soon found that it was taken for granted that I was to be a sort of spring board on which my wife's relatives proposed to take a leap off into fame and fortune. First, it was sister Mary, who believed herself a second Nordic. Of course, under ordinary circumstances, Mary could never have afforded to come to New York and have her voice cultivated, but when sister Susie married and went to New York to live it opened up the way. It was a direct intervention of Heaven of which sister Mary took immediate advantage."

"She wished herself on us and for two years I had to stand for her cat-calling around the place until it got on my nerves so that I almost took to drink. Incidentally, sister Mary's money gave out, and of course sister Susie couldn't think of sister Mary discontinuing her lessons, and so sister Susie's husband's hard-earned money went to swell the coffers of high-priced vocal teachers, while he wore his last year's overcoat and cashed in on the because he couldn't afford a club and a near-gifted sister-in-law at the same time."

"And there was brother Bobbie who also condescended to flunk our house his home, and wear all of my best clothes, while he took a course at Columbia, and sister Annie who spent a couple of winters being treated for neurasthenia, and sister Carrie who was just plain girl and cashed in on to have a good time, which costs money, and caused me to do without the things that I want."

"And my wife hasn't an idea in forcing her family on me she has done me an injustice, and that she has robbed me of the peace and quiet of my home, that she has compelled me to work harder than I would have done, and prevented me from saving the money that I would have saved had I only had my own family to support."

"Why wives are eager to sacrifice their husbands to their families, I don't know, but it seems to be the universal opinion among women that the main thing that a husband is good for is to provide for his in-laws, and that's why I say that the only safe thing to do is to marry an orphan with no blood kin."

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With the Movies



WILLIAM DUNCAN

VITAPHONE STAR
William Duncan opened the football season in September with a big gridiron battle in the first episode of his new Vitaphone serial "Smashing Barriers." Mr. Duncan, who attended the University of Pennsylvania, declares college activities outside the classroom are more beneficial than the study of textbooks. He is cashing in on some of the nefarious pranks of his own college days by incorporating them as comedy elements in his serial.

Duncan hails from Dundee, Scotland. After his university course he became an athletic instructor and a writer for physical culture magazines. He first appeared on the stage with Sandow, the strong man, and later he was graduated into drama, touring the country at the head of his own company.

He seems peculiarly suited to serials by reason of his athletic ability, his dramatic talent and his keen sense of humor. He is director as well as star in "Smashing Barriers."

that fits on this screw is put on to take the impurities from the water. Should this need to be cleaned and it is stuck fast, instead of bending and breaking it with pliers cut a piece of adhesive, or bicycle tape and wrap this around it. It will easily turn and come off so that it may be cleaned. Boil inside wire screens in soda water. This will take off all impurities.

REMOVE GREASE

Grease spots may be removed from the kitchen floor by scattering soda on the spots and then pouring on boiling water.

Real Estate Transfers

George H. Greenwell and wife to James M. Harborton, part of lot 34 and lot 35, block 11, Lakeview addition. \$500.
Minnie P. Bowman to Parley J. Carver, lot 5, block 20, Plat C. \$1500.
Allison Simpson to M. C. Blakeley, part of lot 22, block 65, Plat C. \$800.

Call on J. J. Brummitt at 2417 Hudson avenue, if you want to sell your Liberty bonds. Phone 59.

The young lady across the way says her mother is bound to keep the lines of her figure perfectly natural no matter how much she has to squeeze to do it.

Have Pains?

Aches and pains seem to be the lot of the ordinary mortal. However, these should be taken simply as nature's warning signals that some part of the human machine is out of order. It is a mistake to resign one's self to physical torture when the cause can be removed.

Foley Kidney Pills

tone up weak, inactive, sluggish kidneys and help rid the blood of poisons—waste matter that causes aches and pains in arms and legs, backache, rheumatic pains, sore muscles, stiff or swollen joints.

James B. Turman, Ashbury Park, N. J., writes: "My back caused me a great deal of trouble for some time. I experienced sharp, shooting pains which were due to the condition of my kidneys. One bottle of Foley Kidney Pills completely relieved me. The pains left my back. I recommend Foley Kidney Pills to my friends."

NOORDA BAKERY

Successor to Dalebout
Bros. Highest quality of fruit cake at 55c lb. Taste before you buy. 751 Twenty-seventh street. Phone 254.

SLADES

Slade has moved to 402 Twenty-fifth Street

President Enjoys His Sixty-Third Anniversary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson observed his sixty-third birthday quietly today, much improved in health, surrounded by the members of his family with the exception of Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, who was unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Sayre arrived from Cambridge, Mass., last night, and Miss Margaret Wilson has been at the White House since her father's illness.

The president took his usual walk about the sick room and later sat out on the south porch for more than an hour. Part of the day was spent by Mr. Wilson reading many of the hundreds of birthday greetings that came from prominent officials and friends in the United States and abroad.

Canadian Wheat Board Raises Price to \$2.36

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Effective today, the Canadian wheat board has ordered that the price of Manitoba wheat to mills in Canada be raised from \$2.20 per bushel to \$2.36 per bushel in store at terminal elevators at Port William at Port Arthur. Another regulation increased the maximum wholesale price of government standard spring wheat flour from \$10.90 per barrel to \$13.15 f. o. b. cars Montreal.

James Stewart, chairman of the board, stated today that in order that the consuming public may have advantage of the supply of cheaper flour in the United States, permits will be issued for import of the American product.

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Ogden, Utah, will be held at their banking rooms at 2384 Washington Ave., on Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

Dated Ogden, Utah, December 13, 1919.

JAMES F. BURTON, Cashier.

ADOPTS CIVILIAN CLOTHES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2.—The president established by Dr. Pedro de Toleto, the new Brazilian minister to Argentina, in wearing civilian clothes when he presented his credentials to President Irigoyen has evoked favorable comment. The newspaper La Razon says: "Diplomacy is at last approaching democracy; these are not times for uniforms with palms, awards and plumes." Heretofore, Brazil's envoys, in fact those of all other countries except the United States, had always worn ambassadorial uniforms on the day of their first formal meeting with the nation's chief executive.

J. J. Brummitt, 2417 Hudson avenue, pays highest prices for Liberty bonds.

SIGN OF OPIUM DEN

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The police have discovered a novel manner of advertising an opium den. It was the shop dealer in antiques. When the police raided it one of the occupants told the inspector he was able to identify it as an opium den because all the letters "O" in the sign advertising antiques were painted in flaming red while the other letters were gilted.

Pimples, bad breath, yellow color—Ugh! It's awful—take Hoffman's Rocky Mountain Tea and be in the swim—McIntyre Drug Co.—Advertisement.

AIRPLANE PASSENGERS

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The report of Major General F. N. Sykes, controller of aviation, shows that out of 52,000 passengers carried in 21,000 airplane trips approximately 303,000 miles, only two deaths have been recorded through accidents.

and then final understandings after seven hundred and fifty years. Work and pray, everyone, colleagues and self are doing our duty. We send our affectionate regards to every Irish citizen.

Predicts 1920 May See Recognition of Republic of Ireland

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A prediction that 1920 may see the recognition of the "republic of Ireland" by the United States was contained in a New Year's message cabled to Arthur Griffith, "acting president," by Eamonn de Valera and made public tonight. The message follows:

"Greetings to the persecuted people of Ireland from the many millions of Americans who love liberty and admire people everywhere who will not be denied liberty. Endure yet a little while. You will be sustained. The year 1920 may see the republic of Ireland recognized by the United States."

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